

opportunity to meet Mr. Henderson but who have come to benefit from his passionate support of civil liberties.

Herb was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Maxine Henderson. He graduated from Elkhorn High School in McDowell County, and from there he went on to attend West Virginia State College until his graduation in 1953. After college, Herb served two tours in the United States Army before becoming the first African-American to attend George Washington University School of Law. Upon graduation from law school, he returned with his family to Huntington, WV, where he eventually became senior partner in the law firm of Henderson, Henderson, and Staples.

From 1966 to 1986, Herb Henderson was the West Virginia State President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He went on to serve as General Counsel for the NAACP in 1984 and again from 1989 through 1990. The mission of the NAACP is to ensure political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. This was a mission that Herb not only shared, but one that he also championed throughout his lifetime.

For 49 years, Herb was an active member of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church, as well as a member of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and Church World Service. He was a solid supporter of West Virginia State University (WVSU) and served as President of the Huntington Chapter of the WVSU Alumni Association.

He will be greatly missed by his family, in particular his four daughters and 10 grandchildren, as well as, the community he served so faithfully over these many years. My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Herbert Henderson. I join with West Virginians in honoring his remarkable life and the legacy he left behind.

TRIBUTE TO TIM LOSTY, DIRECTOR OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND BUREAU

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 22, 2007

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring an outstanding friend of our Nation who has served with distinction for the past few years as director of the Northern Ireland Bureau, Mr. Tim Losty, as he heads back to his homeland.

During his tenure, Tim worked closely with members of Congress and others to strengthen the bond between our two nations at an exciting but challenging time. He helped ensure that the U.S. continued to play a supportive role as the changes brought about by the historic Good Friday Agreement were implemented. Americans have always felt a special affinity with the people of Ireland and Northern Ireland because so many have roots there. In seeking our input and keeping us advised of the economic, social, and political developments in Northern Ireland, Tim gained our respect and admiration. He will be greatly missed.

Having visited Northern Ireland many times myself, both before and after the Good Friday Agreement, I am very gratified that the peace process continues to move forward.

Prior to joining the Northern Ireland Bureau, Tim was a manager with LEDU/Invest Northern Ireland's Eastern Local Office; founding member of the Belfast Peace and Reconciliation Partnership Board in 1994; a director of the Belfast Local Strategy Board; the East Belfast Partnership; and the First Stop Business Shop. Tim also worked on the West Belfast and Greater Shankill Taskforces set up by Ministers and local politicians to address specific issues of disadvantage in the community.

Madam Speaker, I know that all of my colleagues join me in wishing all the best to Tim, his wonderful wife Lisa, and their sons Conor and Rory as they return.

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE ADVANCED SAFETY TECHNOLOGY TAX ACT

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 22, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to inform my colleagues of legislation I have co-authored with my colleague MIKE THOMPSON (D-CA) to promote the installation of proven advanced safety technology on heavy-duty vehicles.

The Commercial Motor Vehicle Advanced Safety Technology Tax Act (H.R. 3820) will create a tax incentive for owners of heavy-duty vehicles and the manufacturers of public and school buses to purchase and install safety systems proven to reduce accident rates. These include:

Brake Stroke Monitoring System—A system that monitors vehicle brakes to ensure they are functioning properly;

Lane Departure Monitoring System—A system that warns the driver when the vehicle drifts into the wrong lane;

Collision Warning System—A system that warns the driver if the vehicle is getting close enough to another vehicle or object to cause accident;

Vehicle Stability System—A system that autocorrects the vehicle when there is a threat of the vehicle rolling over.

These technologies directly address the most common causes of heavy-duty vehicle accidents as identified in a March 2006 report by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Specifically, large truck and bus owners who purchase one or more of these systems would be eligible for a tax credit of up to \$3,500 annually, with a maximum of \$1,500 per system. Owners of vehicle fleets would be eligible for a maximum credit of \$350,000 per year. Manufacturers who sell large trucks or buses to nonprofit entities, like schools or city transit authorities, would be eligible for the tax credit if they install the systems prior to vehicle delivery.

The Commercial Motor Vehicle Advanced Safety Technology Tax Act will reduce cost barriers for these safety systems, improving road safety and improving overall road safety.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
SERGEANT JASON M. LANTIERI

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 22, 2007

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Army Sergeant Jason M. Lantieri, a twenty-five year old young man from my district who died on October 10, 2007 while serving in Iraq. Family, friends and the Killingworth community gathered last Thursday to honor, and say goodbye, to this special young man.

Jason was a bright, talented, and outgoing student-athlete at Haddam-Killingworth High School in Higganum, Connecticut. There, Jason's athletic abilities were undeniable as he played on the school's soccer, basketball, and baseball teams. In addition to his athletic prowess, Jason's commitment to his school and fellow classmates was solidified through his active role in student council.

Following graduation in 2000, Jason enrolled in Western New England College in Springfield, Massachusetts. In subsequent years after earning his business degree, Jason joined the Army and was assigned to the 725th Brigade Support Battalion of the 25th Infantry Division based in Fort Richardson, Alaska. During the next two years, he proudly, and bravely, served our Nation in Iraq.

On October 9, 2007, Jason was injured in a vehicle accident outside of Baghdad in Iskandaryah, Iraq. He passed away from his injuries the next day.

Earlier this year, Jason was able to fulfill his passion for travel and adventure on a break from Iraq in Europe. He wrote about his travels, stating, "Europe is a great place to just live for the day and for the moment." Although I did not know Jason, it is clear to me that he lived his life to the fullest, and made the world a better place for his family, friends and all those who knew him.

Jason's passing brings a profound sadness to the southeastern Connecticut community. His memory and contributions, however, will live on in our hearts and minds. I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring Jason's life, his service and ultimate sacrifice to our Nation, and offer condolences to his friends and family at this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHARLIE BROWN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 22, 2007

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration and respect that I take this time to recognize a dear friend and one of Indiana's most distinguished citizens, State Representative Charlie Brown of Gary, IN. Since 1982, Charlie has served as a member of the Indiana General Assembly. For his dedication and countless efforts toward improving the lives of Indiana residents, Charlie will be honored at a reception hosted by the Lake County Medical Society on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville, IN.